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*Will T. Scott*

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## Justice Will T. Scott to be sworn in as Deputy Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Kentucky

**Monday, July 17, 2006, 1 p.m., Pikeville**

**What:** Chief Justice Joseph E. Lambert will conduct the formal swearing-in ceremony for Justice Will T. Scott as Deputy Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Kentucky. Effective July 1, Justice Scott replaced Deputy Chief Justice Martin E. Johnstone, who retired June 30, 2006.

**Who:** Justice Scott was elected in November 2004 to represent the 7th Supreme Court District, which consists of 22 counties in Eastern Kentucky. He served as circuit judge from 1984 to 1988 and was elected second vice president of the Kentucky Circuit Judges Association in 1986. Before serving the judiciary, he practiced law as a trial attorney from 1975 to 1980 and as assistant commonwealth's attorney for Pike County from 1981 to 1982.

Justice Scott was born in Pike County in 1947 and attended Eastern Kentucky University for one year before volunteering for service in the U.S. Army. Enlisting as a private in 1966, he finished his tour of duty in 1969 in Vietnam as a first lieutenant. Among his military honors are his airborne wings, the Bronze Star, the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry and the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

After completing his military service, Justice Scott graduated with a bachelor's degree from Pikeville College. He earned a juris doctor in 1974 and a master's degree in taxation in 1975 from the University of Miami School of Law in Coral Gables, Fla. He is licensed to practice law in both Kentucky and Florida and has practiced law in Kentucky courtrooms for nearly 30 years. Justice Scott is a member of the First Christian Church in Pikeville and is an avid hunter and fisherman.

**When:** Monday, July 17, 2006, 1 p.m.

**Where:** Pike County Fiscal Court, 2nd Floor, 146 Main St., Pikeville, Ky.

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